8. The health functionaries give extensive health education through mass media and individual approach.

9. Three field stations have been established to take up the active surveillance and treatment activities at Sagar, Honnavar and Belthangadi.

10. A nodal officer has been appointed at Shimoga to monitor the preventive activities.

(c) and (d) At present, there is no proposal to establish a research laboratory in Karnataka.

Vasectomy operations

†2949. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vasectomy operations are not being carried out as per target in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) From 1st April, 1996, the Family Planning Programme is being implemented all over India as per the recommendation of the National Development Council Committee on Population. The Committee recommended:

1. Decentralized area specific planning based on an assessment of community needs.

2. Emphasis on improving access and quality of services to women and children.

3. Providing special assistance to poorly performing States/districts to minimize the wide inter and intra-State disparity.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The Department of Family Welfare of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, accordingly implemented the following:

(a) The Centrally defined methods specific targets for family planning were abolished.

(b) Emphasis shifted to decentralized planning at district level, based on community needs assessment.

(c) The implementation of programmes was aimed at fulfilling these needs.

(d) Quality of care is now a major issue and so is skill upgradation, training for all health care providers, and also the building up of a referral network.

(e) Monitoring and evaluation has become a routine part of the programme and the data is used for mid term corrections.

During the 10th Five Year Plan the focus is on enabling couples to achieve their reproductive health goals, to address the unmet needs for contraception to reduce unwanted pregnancies and to integrate health care for women and children with special emphasis on community needs assessments. There would be decentralized, area specific, micro planning with greater emphasis on quality of care. The 10th Five Year Plan would also make efforts to meet the health care needs of the families with emphasis on involvement of men in Planned Parenthood. The emphasis would be to address the unmet need, by *inter-alia*, improving logistics to ensure adequate and timely supplies of health care products, commodities and services.

Posting of Medical Superintendent in CGHS Ayurvedic Hospital, Aliganj

2950. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration to post officiating Medical Superintendent to the CGHS Ayurvedic Hospital, Aliganj, New Delhi;